

the Bill of Rights; (2) encourage a greater respect for the law and the courts; (3) stimulate a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; (4) contribute to the effective functioning of our institution of governments; and (5) foster a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law. I ask all Members of the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Paul Neely for his contributions to the Chattanooga community.

The winners of the Law Day Essay Contest, which is open to all Hamilton County, private, and home school students, grades 9–12 are in Division 1—1st place winning a \$1,000 college scholarship is Christine Marie Leavens of Red Bank High School. The 2nd place winner is Rachael Stewart of Ooltewah High School, and 3rd place winner is William Andrew Whitener of Ooltewah High School.

In Division 2 of the Law Day Essay Contest—1st place winning a \$1,000 college scholarship is Taylor Dickinson of Girls Preparatory School; 2nd place winner is Radhika Patel of Baylor School; and receiving 3rd place is John D. Whitehurst of McCallie School.

The Law Day Poetry Contest is open to all sixth, seventh, and eighth graders of the same demographics. Winning 1st place is Margaret M. Copler; 2nd place winner is Mary Woodruff Griffin; and 3rd place is Parker Mallchok, all of Girls Preparatory School.

The Law Day Visual Arts contest is open to fourth and fifth graders of the same demographics. Winning 1st place is Dennis Sohn on his artwork titled “Protect Peacefully”; winning 2nd place is Victoria Reed Schaaf on her artwork titled “Step By Step . . . Drinking and Driving”; and winning 3rd Place is Lauren Michelle Hood on her artwork titled “Liberty Empowering Future Leaders”. All winners in the art division are from St. Peter’s Episcopal School.

Madam Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in thanking the Board of Governors of the Chattanooga Bar Association for their contributions and commitment to the legal profession and to the Chattanooga community. The members of the CBA Board of Governors are Lynda Minks Hood, Executive Director; James M. Haley, IV, President; Cynthia D. Hall, President-elect; The Honorable Barry A. Steelman, Secretary-

Treasurer; Joseph R. White, Immediate Past President; Barry L. Abbott, David Elliott, Ira M. Long, Jr., John T. Rice, The Honorable Jacqueline Schulten, and Christopher T. Varner.

RECOGNIZING THE HUNTERS LANE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the students, teachers and administrators of the music department at Hunters Lane High School in Nashville, Tennessee. They are tonight celebrating a well-deserved designation as a Signature School by the Grammy Foundation and the Gibson Foundation, an honor given to just 22 schools across the country.

Hunters Lane is one of Nashville’s fine public high schools, and in a city known for its music, Hunters Lane’s program lives up to our community’s highest standards. The Warriors boast a marching band, a concert band, a jazz band and a drum line, in addition to a bustling choral music program, all of which perform to great acclaim. Indeed, the students at Hunters Lane are a talented bunch.

I was pleased, Madam Speaker, but not surprised to learn that Hunters Lane was being recognized with a \$5,000 grant from the Grammy Foundation and the Gibson Foundation to benefit the school’s guitar and piano programs. Hunters Lane was selected from over 20,000 schools and 700 applicants. Clearly, their music program is the cream of the crop.

I am particularly proud of Hunters Lane’s commitment to music education. Just two weeks ago in the House of Representatives, we passed a resolution I offered with my colleague Mr. PORTER expressing the sense of Congress that “music education grounded in rigorous instruction is an important component of a well-rounded academic curriculum and should be available to every student in every school.” Music education, the House found, helps students “analyze, solve problems, communicate, and work cooperatively.” Soon I expect the Senate to concur in this matter, and

the importance of school-based music education to youth development will be resolved by the full 110th Congress.

Truly, Hunters Lane High School expresses our community’s commitment to music education, and I hope that this honor only furthers the school’s goals. That is why today I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the students, teachers and administrators of Hunters Lane, who have worked hard to make their music program one of the best in the country. May this award inspire other public schools across the nation to follow in their footsteps.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE GIL FAMILY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Gil family, proprietors of the Casa Don Juan restaurant, who were named the Small Business Association’s Family Owned Small Business of the Year for the State of Nevada.

Over 10 years ago, Maria and Raul Gil moved to Las Vegas from California looking for an opportunity to own and operate a family restaurant. Upon arriving in Las Vegas the Gil’s recognized that there was a lack of Mexican restaurants, and subsequently opened Casa Don Juan. Over the past 10 years, Casa Don Juan has built up its clientele with excellent food and service and now employs over 40 people, including the Gil’s children, Nancy, Denisse and Billy.

Casa Don Juan is located on Main Street in downtown Las Vegas and has greatly benefited from the recent development and revitalization efforts. The Gil’s now plan to expand Casa Don Juan to meet the growing demand from their very satisfied and loyal clientele.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Raul, Maria, Nancy, Billy and Denisse Gil. Their innovative spirit and hard work are commendable and I wish the Gil family continued success at Casa Don Juan.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the *Extensions of Remarks* section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 8

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Finance

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine community integration and recovery, focusing on transforming mental health and substance abuse systems of care.

SD-628

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine privacy and civil liberties concerns, focusing on the REAL ID Act (Public Law 109-13).

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the policies and funding necessary for reducing U.S. oil dependence relating to the results of an analysis conducted to assess the economic impact of implementing the Energy Security Leadership Council's recommendations to the Nation.

SD-192

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 9

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine farm bill policy proposals relating to farm and energy issues and rural development.

SR-328A

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine climate change relating to national security threats.

SD-419

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine on benefits legislation.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts.

SD-226

Environment and Public Works

Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine emerging technologies and practices for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dell L. Dailey, of South Dakota, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, and Mark P. Lagon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

SD-419

3 p.m.

Appropriations

Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Internal Revenue Service.

SD-192

Aging

To hold hearings to examine the future of Medicare, focusing on recognizing the need for chronic care coordination.

SD-106

MAY 10

9 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine a status report on reform efforts by the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

SD-366

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending legislative business.

SR-485

Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's budget performance and treatment.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine economic issues for America's working families and middle class.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Janet T. Neff, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, and Liam O'Grady, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

SD-226

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the effects of climate change and ocean acidification on living marine resources.

SR-253

Appropriations

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of State and foreign operations.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on government efforts to defeat it.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, Nguyen Van Hanh, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mario Mancuso, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank, Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Scott A. Keller, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Janis Herschkowitz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

SD-538

MAY 15

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine communications, taxation and federalism.

SR-253